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DOS, DIA reviews completed.

October 29, 1971

Dear Dicks

Also enclosed are two documents you should give to the Ambassador of Group II on October 30 after hearing whatever message the Chinese have for us:

- -- Tab B a statement of appreciation to Prime Minister Chou En-lai for the Chinese hospitality extended during Dr. Kissinger's visit. You should read this statement and hand it over.
- -- Tab C a copy of Dr. Kissinger's October 27 press briefing transcript. You should hand this over.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Major General Vernon R. Welters Defense Attache United States Embassy Paris

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Dr. Kissinger, on behalf of his colleagues and himself, would like to extend to Prime Minister Chou En-lai his warm appreciation for the most generous hospitality and courtesy extended by the Chinese on the recent visit.

He would like to thank the senior officials of the People's Republic of China who not only participated in the various meetings but took the time to escort the American party to the many places of interest around Peking; all those from the General Office and Protocol Department of the Foreign Ministry who were so considerate and courteous; and all other personnel who were unfailingly helpful and attentive, including local officials and guides, the staff at the Guest House, the drivers, and all those working "behind the scenes" whom the American party had no opportunity to meet and thank.

Dr. Kissinger would also like to state the great value which all the Americans attach to the thoughtful gifts that were presented upon departure. They shall serve as beautiful souvenirs of a trip that was as memorable in atmosphere as it was important in substance.

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To: general Watter Eyes Only From: general Hoig

General Walters should make the following three points orally to the Chinese:

- 1. The U.S. side proposes that the agreed joint announcement of the date for the President's visit be at 1600 on Tuesday, November 23, Washington time.
- 2. Mrs. Nixon is pleased to accept the invitation of the PRC for her to accompany the President.
- 3. The U.S. side accepts a seven day visit and is prepared to stay overnight at Hangchow.

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FROM: GENERAL HAIG

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The U. S. Government on November 8 confirmed premature press stories that with almost all Congressionally approved U. S. military shipments to Pakistan now completed, there will be no further delivery of military equipment for the time being. The U. S. Government wants the Chinese Government to understand the reasons why this step has been taken. With the pipeline of military items reduced to \$3 million and with the certainty that the U. S. Congress would not authorize any more funds, it was decided, with the concurrence of the Pakistan Government, not to complete the remaining shipments. This was done, in full consultation with the Pakistan Government, to enable the U. S. Government to make a maximum effort to continue the substantial economic assistance to Pakistan. This step has been used and inflated by pro-Indian elements to produce a major press sensation for their own ends.

The U. S. Government is informing all governments in a similar position, particularly that of France, that we believe that this action should not set a precedent elsewhere.

The U. S. Government wishes the Chinese Government to know that Dr. Kissinger and other senior officials expect to receive the Pakistan Foreign Secretary in the near future to discuss common measures after the latter's visit to Peking.

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